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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
12 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
13 SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

14 SALLY STEINHART,  
15 Plaintiff,

No. CV-10-00841 RS

16 v.

**STIPULATION (THIRD) TO EXTEND  
COUNTY DEFENDANTS' TIME TO  
FILE AN ANTI-SLAPP MOTION  
UNDER CAL. C.C.P. SECTION  
425.16(f); [~~PROPOSED~~] ORDER**

17 COUNTY OF SONOMA, SHERIFF-CORONER  
BILL COGBILL and DEPUTY SHERIFFS M.  
18 SHANAHAN and CAROLYN JAAP; HUMAN  
SERVICES DEPARTMENT DIRECTOR JO  
19 WEBER; FAMILY, YOUTH & CHILDREN'S  
SERVICES DIVISION DIRECTOR CAROL  
20 BAUER; YOUTH & CHILDREN'S SERVICES  
DIVISION DIRECTOR NICHOLAS HONEY;  
21 CHILD WELFARE SERVICES/ PROTECTIVE  
SERVICES SOCIAL WORKERS JERRY ALLEN,  
22 BETTY JOHNSON, and ROBIN SMITH,  
individually and in their official capacities,  
23 CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL  
SERVICES; DOES 1-50, and ROES 1-50, and  
24 MOES 1-50, inclusive, jointly and severally,

25 Defendants.  
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1 This joint stipulation and request for entry of order pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-12 is  
2 entered into by and between Plaintiff in pro per, Sally Steinhart ("Plaintiff"), and Defendants the  
3 County of Sonoma, Sheriff-Coroner William Cogbill, and County employees Michael Shanahan,  
4 Caroline Jaap, Jo Weber, Nicholas Honey, Jerry Allen, Betty Johnson and Robin Smith (collectively,  
5 "County Defendants"). Defendant the California State Department of Social Services is not a party  
6 to this stipulation.

7 This stipulation and concomitant request for an Order is based upon County Defendants'  
8 request to extend the time in which to file an Anti-SLAPP Motion under California Code of Civil  
9 Procedure Section 425.16 for an additional 60 days, to April 4, 2011. The terms and provisions of  
10 this stipulation and request for order are set forth below.

#### 11 **RECITALS**

12 A. Plaintiff filed her Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and Damages  
13 herein on February 26, 2010. Plaintiff believes that she effectuated service of the Complaint on all  
14 County Defendants identified above on or about May 12, 2010. Plaintiff has not yet effectuated  
15 service on Defendant the State Department of Social Services, nor Defendant and former Sonoma  
16 County employee Carol Bauer (retired).

17 B. Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint for Declaratory and Injunctive Relief and  
18 Damages (the "First Amended Complaint") on June 21, 2010.

19 C. County Defendants filed a Motion to Dismiss the First Amended Complaint and  
20 concurrent Motion for More Definite Statement on July 26, 2010 (hereinafter collectively, "Motion  
21 to Dismiss"). In their Motion to Dismiss, County Defendants request dismissal of all claims for  
22 relief alleged against them in the First Amended Complaint.

23 D. County Defendants' Motion to Dismiss was initially noticed to be heard on  
24 September 9, 2010, and was later continued by stipulation and order to September 30, 2010.

25 E. On September 27, 2010, the Court entered a Clerk's Notice, in which the Court  
26 deemed the Motion to Dismiss submitted without oral argument pursuant to Civil Local Rule 7-1(b),  
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1 and vacated the September 30<sup>th</sup> hearing date (Dkt No. 22). As of the date of this submission, the  
2 parties have not received a decision from the Court resolving the Motion to Dismiss.

3 F. If certain issues are not resolved pursuant to the Motion to Dismiss, County  
4 Defendants intend to file an Anti-SLAPP Motion under California Code of Civil Procedure Section  
5 425.16 (see Exhibit A). The Anti-SLAPP Motion would request this Court to strike all state law  
6 claims and related allegations made in the First Amended Complaint against the County's Human  
7 Services Department employee defendants, on ground that the claims challenge protected speech  
8 activities by governmental entities and their representatives.

9 G. Under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 426.16(f), Anti-SLAPP motions  
10 should be brought within 60 days of the service of the relevant complaint. However, under  
11 California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16(f), the Court has the discretion to extend the 60  
12 day filing period to "any later time upon terms it deems proper."

13 H. Upon a stipulation of the parties, the Court has previously granted County Defendants  
14 two extensions of time to file its Anti-SLAPP motion, first to December 2, 2010 (Dkt. No. 17), and  
15 later to February 3, 2011 (Dkt No. 29), to permit resolution of the Motion to Dismiss prior to the  
16 filing of such motion.

17 I. County Defendants request an additional extension of time in which to file its Anti-  
18 SLAPP motion, to April 4, 2011, to allow the Court to issue a decision in the pending Motion to  
19 Dismiss prior to filing such motion. Such a request is made for the purpose of conserving the  
20 resources of the parties and the Court, as the underlying grounds for the Anti-SLAPP Motion *would*  
21 *become moot* if this Court grants the Motion to Dismiss as to the County's Human Services  
22 Department employees named as defendants in the case.

23 WHEREFORE, the parties hereby stipulate and request entry of a court order as follows:

24 **STIPULATION**

25 1. County Defendants shall have until and including **April 4, 2011**, in which to file and  
26 serve their Anti-SLAPP motion under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16.

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2. This stipulation does not prevent or preclude the parties from seeking additional relief from this Court, to amend this stipulation and order or otherwise.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: February 2, 2011

Bruce D. Goldstein, County Counsel

By: /s/ Anne L. Keck  
Anne L. Keck, Deputy County Counsel  
Attorneys for County Defendants

Dated: February 2, 2011

Sally Steinhart, Plaintiff in pro per

By: /s/ Sally Steinhart  
Sally Steinhart

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**[PROPOSED] ORDER**

PURSUANT TO STIPULATION, and with good cause appearing,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that County Defendants shall have up to and including **April 4, 2011**, in which to file and serve their Anti-SLAPP motion under California Code of Civil Procedure Section 425.16.

Date: 2/7/11

  
HONORABLE RICHARD SELBORG  
United States District Judge